

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on July 27, 2006. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-21 and 23-33 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have: 1) cancelled claims 1-9; 2) added no new claims; and 3) amended claim 26. As such, claims 10-21 and 23-33 are now pending. Applicants thank the examiner for the allowability of claims 10-21 and 23-25 as indicated by the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. 102(e) Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 26 and 28-29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Landau, U.S. Patent 6,549,980 (hereinafter "Landau"). Applicants have amended claim 26 to include the limitation of allowed claim 10 that the examiner has indicated is not found in the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 26 and its dependents (claims 27-33) are also allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 10.

35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Larry L. Peterson and Bruce S. Davie , Computer Networks, (hereinafter "Peterson, et al.") in view of Eidt, et al. U.S. Patent 6,219,830 (hereinafter "Eidt") and further in view of Landau, U.S. Patent 6,549,980 (hereinafter "Landau"). Applicants have cancelled these claims rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner rejected claims 27 and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landau in view of Larry L. Peterson and Bruce S. Davie, Computer Networks, (hereinafter "Peterson, et al."). Claims 27 and 30-33 depend on claim 26 which Applicants have amended to include the limitation of allowed claim 10 that the examiner has indicated is not found in the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27 and 30-33 are also allowable.

In light of the comments above, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.


CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Thomas C. Webster at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully Submitted,
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